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NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS

At the recent annual election the following were elected directors of the Club for the ensuing year: Herbert S. Adair, William Frederic Badé, Phil S. Bernays, William E. Colby, Ernest Dawson, Francis P. Farquhar, Walter L. Huber, J. N. LeConte, Duncan McDuffie, Marion R. Parsons, Robert M. Price, Chester H. Rowell, Clair S. Tappaan, Payson J. Treat, W. H. Wright. The regular organization meeting of the Board will be held in the Club Rooms, San Francisco, Saturday morning, May 4, 1929, at ten o'clock.

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING SIERRA CLUB OUTING JULY-AUGUST 1929

Since sending out the outing announcement describing in detail the Sierra Club trip planned for July 10th to August 8th, covering that portion of the John Muir Trail lying between Blaney Meadows and Yosemite, the greatest interest for many years has been evidenced by the members of the Club. There are more outing deposits paid at the present date than in the case of any previous outing in the history of the Club, with possibly one exception. There does not seem to be any doubt but that the entire list will be filled long before the usual date. Conditions in the mountains are such that this promises to be an especially attractive trip. Those who are planning to take this outing should insure their places at as early a date as possible.

NEW SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

The Sierra Club notes with satisfaction the selection by President Hoover of Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur as Secretary of the Interior. Dr. Wilbur was until recently a member of the State Park Commission of California. For many years he has followed closely and with keen personal interest both state and national park affairs. We are certain that while he holds office all park matters which come before him will receive fair and sympathetic consideration.

NEW STATE PARK COMMISSIONER

Succeeding Dr. Wilbur, Mr. Arthur Connick, now of Oakland, formerly of Eureka, California, has been appointed by Governor Young on the State Park Commission. Mr. Connick has for many years been interested in state park affairs and particularly the preservation of some of the outstanding redwood areas along the coast. His knowledge of these areas, acquired during his many years' residence in Eureka, will prove invaluable to the Commission.

STEPHEN T. MATHER AND THE NATIONAL PARKS

"It has been Stephen T. Mather's great opportunity in these past 12 years to lay the foundations of the Park Service, to define and develop the policies under which for centuries to come these national park areas shall be conserved unimpaired for future generations, while enjoyed by the present generation. As he has builded so wisely, his work will stand. There will never come an end to the good that he has done. Can any man desire a more wonderful career?"—From the speech of Hon. Louis C. Cramton of Michigan, in the House of Representatives, Tuesday, January 15, 1929.

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING HON. STEPHEN T. MATHER

Friends of Mr. Mather will be glad to hear that he is regaining the use of his leg and apparently will soon be able to walk fairly well. He is planning to spend next winter in California and feels that he will be able to really enjoy it. He remarked that he might take a job as deputy chief ranger in Yosemite.

MEDALS GIVEN FOR OUTSTANDING PARK SERVICE

The Cornelius A. Pugsley silver medal for 1928 has been awarded to Duncan McDuffie, chairman of the California State Park Council, in recognition of his efforts in expanding the state park system of California, and in the successful campaign for a six million dollar bond issue for that purpose, approved by the voters at the last election. This medal, together with a gold and a bronze medal, is provided for by a fund established by Chester D. Pugsley, of Peekskill, New York, in honor of his father, Cornelius A. Pugsley, in recognition of his father's interest in public parks as a member of the Westchester County Park Commission and his gift of a park to the municipality of Peekskill. The awards will be made each year by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society. The gold medal for 1928 was awarded to Stephen T. Mather; the bronze medal was awarded to Beatrice Ward Nelson, former executive secretary of the National Conference on State Parks.

MIDWINTER TRIP TO TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

"I spent all of last week on a ski trip in the Tuolumne Meadows area. There were six in the party, including three Swiss, highly trained in winter sports. It will stand out as one of the most memorable trips in my life.

"If that section of the Park is ever made easily available in winter I predict for it one of the biggest futures of any section in the West. The Swiss report that nowhere in Europe do they know of such ideal winter conditions. I wish you might have been with us on the trip toward Bloody Cañon and the Tioga Pass. The return trip to the Meadows was made first, in evening twilight which later gave way to the most brilliant, gorgeous moonlight I have ever seen. You can imagine the sensation of whizzing down the Tioga road over five feet of snow in the moonlight at an average speed of over twelve miles an hour."—Excerpt from letter from Dr. Don Tresidder to W. E. C., dated January 28, 1929.

REMARKABLE WINTER TRIP OVER THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL

Mr. O. Bartholomew, a member of the Sierra Club and formerly with the Southern California Edison Company, has just completed a trip from Owens Valley via Mount Whitney to Yosemite. He made various ascents, climbing Mount Langley January 4th and Mount Whitney January 10th. His trip took him via Tyndall Creek, Bullfrog Lake, Rae Lake, Dusy Lakes, Evolution Creek, French Cañon, Silver Pass, Devils Postpile, Donohue Pass, and Tuolumne Meadows to Yosemite which he reached about April 1st. This practically follows the route of the John Muir Trail. Last fall he established caches of provisions all along this route. He traveled on specially made skis and carried a pack weighing between 50 and 60 pounds. His observations made on this trip are of very great scientific and popular interest. We would give further details of this remarkable expedition except for the fact that we trust Mr. Bartholomew will write a detailed account of his experiences for the main issue of the Sierra Club Bulletin a year from now.

CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION REGARDING NATIONAL PARKS

Bills of special interest to members of the Club which were enacted at the last session of Congress are as follows:

1. To establish the Grand Teton National Park including the Teton Range in Wyoming just south of Yellowstone National Park.
2. Authorizing the President to appoint a Yellowstone National Park Boundary Commission with a view to adjusting the southeastern, southern, and southwestern boundaries of Yellowstone National Park.
3. Revising the northern, northeastern and eastern boundaries of Yellowstone National Park, adding the headwaters of the Lamar River to the park, a total addition of about 80 square miles.
4. Providing for the acquisition of privately owned lands in national parks and monuments: an immediate appropriation of \$250,000 and authorization for contractual obligations for an additional \$2,750,000. This total of \$3,000,000 must be matched equally by contributed funds. Approximately \$1,000,000 is now available from private sources for the Yosemite timberland purchase, and this means that there is now a good prospect of preserving the magnificent stands of sugar pine along the western boundary of Yosemite National Park north of Crane Flat.
5. Providing for the change of boundaries and the acquisition of private lands in Lassen Volcanic National Park by exchange.
6. Accepting the cession by the state of Colorado of exclusive jurisdiction over lands in the Rocky Mountain National Park.
7. Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to investigate and report to Congress the advisability and practicability of establishing a national park to be known as the Tropic Everglades National Park in Florida.

8. Establishing the Badlands National Monument in South Dakota.
9. Changing the name of Lafayette National Park, located on Mount Desert Island, Maine, to Acadia National Park.
10. Congress also appropriated \$5,000,000 for roads and trails in addition to the regular national park appropriations.

Members of the Club will also be glad to hear that the bill to establish the Ouachita National Park in Arkansas was not approved by the President. The creation of such a park would have materially lowered national park standards.

CHANGE IN SUPERINTENDENTS OF NATIONAL PARKS

Vacancies in the superintendencies of two of the major parks, Yellowstone and Yosemite, occurred through the appointment of Superintendent Horace M. Albright of the Yellowstone to the position of Director of the National Park Service, upon the resignation of Director Stephen T. Mather, and the calling to the Washington office of W. B. Lewis, superintendent of the Yosemite, as Assistant to the Director. To fill these vacancies the Secretary of the Interior has appointed Roger W. Toll to be superintendent of Yellowstone and Charles Goff Thomson to be superintendent of Yosemite. Mr. Toll has for the past eight years been superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado and prior to that time was superintendent of Mount Rainier National Park. He is a mountaineer of note, having climbed all the fifty mountain peaks in the Rocky Mountain Park and having been a member of the party to make the first ascent of Mount Rainier by the Kautz Glacier route. Colonel Thomson has been superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, Oregon, since 1923. Edmund B. Rogers of Denver, who has been appointed to the superintendency of Rocky Mountain National Park, is a member of the Colorado Mountain Club which he has served as president and also as editor of the club's publications. Elbert C. Solinsky, who has been appointed to the superintendency of Crater Lake National Park, has been a member of the Park Service in Yosemite since 1915. The first superintendent of the new Grand Teton National Park will be Samuel T. Woodring, well known to members of the 1926 outing party as chief ranger of Yellowstone National Park.

WILDERNESS AREAS ESTABLISHED IN NATIONAL FORESTS

Mr. S. B. Show, District Forester for California of the United States Forest Service, has just announced the setting aside of 14 separate tracts, embracing a total of over one and one-half million acres, as wilderness areas. These areas will be preserved as far as possible in their wild state and will not be developed by road building or permits granted for permanent occupancy. The names and locations of the newly created wilderness areas are as follows:

Middle Eel-Yolla Bolla—200,000 acres around Yolla Bolla Mountain and at the head of Middle Eel River in the California and Trinity national forests.

Agua Tibia—27,000 acres on the west end of Palomar Mountain in the Cleveland National Forest.

Desolation Valley—41,000 acres north of Echo Lake and west of Lake Tahoe in the Eldorado National Forest.

Salmon-Trinity Alps—130,000 acres at the headwaters of Trinity and Salmon rivers in the Klamath, Shasta and Trinity national forests.

South Warners—75,000 acres around Eagle Peak in the South Warner Mountains of the Modoc National Forest.

Hoover—23,000 acres west of Mono Lake in the Mono National Forest.

Dana-Minarets—87,000 acres lying between Tioga Pass and the Devils Postpile National Monument in the Mono and Sierra national forests.

Murphy Hill—12,000 acres surrounding Campbell, Morris and Lotts lakes west of Belden in the Plumas National Forest.

San Geronio—19,000 acres covering the San Bernardino and San Geronio Range in the San Bernardino National Forest.

Telegraph Peak—7,500 acres around Telegraph Peak, in the San Bernardino National Forest. San Jacinto—22,000 acres covering the high country east of Idyllwild and Keen Camp in the San Bernardino National Forest.

Ventana—52,000 acres of wild mountain land at the north end of the Monterey Division of the Santa Barbara National Forest.

Emigrant Basin—98,000 acres in the Stanislaus National Forest lying between Kennedy Meadows and the north boundary of Yosemite National Park.

High Sierra—700,000 acres along the High Sierra crest in the Inyo, Sequoia and Sierra national forests, from Mount Whitney on the south to the Mammoth Lakes region on the north, a distance of some 75 miles, all of which is wild, rugged mountains, traversed in part by the John Muir Trail.

The Sierra Club notes this advanced step in the preservation of the "pure wildness" of our mountain areas, to use John Muir's descriptive expression, with profound satisfaction.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 1928

To the Members of the Sierra Club:

During the year 1928 there were 293 new members admitted to membership in the Club; 14 members were dropped from the list in accordance with the by-laws because of non-payment of dues, 73 resigned and there were 14 deaths. The total membership at the beginning of the year 1928 was 2535, as compared with 2490 at the beginning of 1928.

BOOK NOTICE

"Mount Olympus" by Farquhar and Phoutrides, a de luxe edition descriptive of "the home of the gods" and of an ascent made by these two members of the Sierra Club, has just appeared. It is beautifully illustrated and is "the last word" as an example of the printer's art. The edition is limited to 500 copies, price \$7.50 per copy, published by Johnck & Seger, 447 Sansome Street, San Francisco. —W. E. C.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

Mr. William E. Colby was presented with a beautifully bound book of superb photographs taken on the Sierra Club outing to Jasper and Mount Robson parks in Canada in 1928. It is an exceptionally fine piece of book-binding and the printing of the title page and contents is a fine example of printer's art. The committee in charge consisted of Ansel Adams, who attended to most of the actual work of printing of the photographs and supervised the make-up of the title page and the binding, Mrs. Earnshaw, and Walter Huber. Mr. Colby desires to express to these members of the committee and also to the members of the outing party who so generously made this possible his very deep appreciation of their kind thought and the delightful memories which this collection will bring to mind of the Canadian outing.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHAPTER NOTES

The state park on Tamalpais is about to be established, after three years of effort. Only \$3,000 is needed as the quota of outing club members. The sponsors ask that each Sierran act as a collector from people of wealth and others of public spirit. Deposits should be made to the Tamalpais Park Fund at the Anglo-California Trust Company, Sansome and Market Streets, San Francisco. Many Sierrans have contributed liberally; others are invited to do so.

The State Park Commission, of which William E. Colby is chairman, brought a suit in condemnation against 526 acres on Mt. Tamalpais. Judge McKenzie, March 19, fixed the value at \$52,600. The State will contribute \$17,533; private donors \$35,066. Hikers and their friends have placed over \$10,000 in bank and \$1,000 more is promised already. B. F. Schlesinger, Mortimer Fleishacker and Selah Chamberlain, trustees of the Park Fund, have contributed \$1,000 each, and Mr. Schlesinger has undertaken to raise an additional \$13,000.

The 526 acres are essential because they are wedged between the Muir Woods National Monument and the Marin Municipal Water District. The whole forms a great natural park of about 12,000 acres, with 5,100 more to be added by the water district. There is no finer recreation area close to a metropolitan district in the country. Work for it!

Contiguous is the new state park of 204 acres given by William Kent last year. Some 140 acres of the Tamalpais railroad are to be added by gift of the Kent estate and state appropriation.

JESSE K. BROWN.

Sunday, May 5, has been set as the date for dedication of the memorial tablet placed by the organized hikers of the Bay Region on a natural boulder in Muir Woods as a loving tribute to the memory of their friend and benefactor, the late William Kent. The Sierra Club, California Alpine Club, Contra Costa Hills Club, Touristen Verein, Camera Club and Cross Country Club all have been participators in collecting the fund which has made this memorial possible; and representatives from each club have gladly given their time to the labor required for moving the great boulder from its original position and placing it in its present location near Mr. Kent's favorite Douglas fir tree. All count it a privilege to do honor to one whose interest in his fellow men prompted him years ago to donate Muir Woods as a national monument, and last year to present to the state for park purposes the beautiful Steep Ravine. The bronze tablet which the assembled hikers and friends will dedicate on May 5 with fitting ceremony is inscribed as follows:

WILLIAM KENT

WHO GAVE THESE WOODS AND OTHER
NATURAL BEAUTY SITES TO PERPETUATE
THEM FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVE
THE OUT-OF-DOORS

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TAMALPAIS CONSERVATION CLUB

The Executive Committee of the Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club at their March meeting voted that \$100 be taken from their savings funds and contributed to the Tamalpais Park Fund.

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